

Trigger Lock

What it is: A two-piece lock that fits through the trigger guard.

How it works: A rigid cylinder fits behind the trigger so the trigger cannot be pulled. A push-button keypad, combination, or key opens the lock.

Features: Some models have battery-operated locks, lighted keypads, and anti-tamper alarms.

Price: \$5 to \$35+

Advantages:

- Inexpensive
- Widely available
- Quick access (keypad models)

Disadvantages:

- Some models will not prevent access by older children or teens
- May not prevent theft, as some locks may be removed later
- May break easily

Personalized Lock

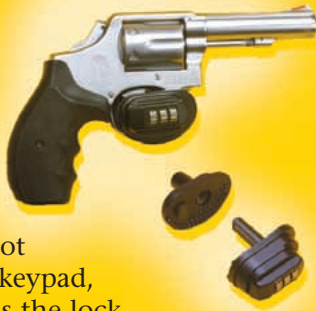
What it is: A safety device permanently installed on a gun by the maker or owner.

How it works: These types of locks vary. Some have a built-in key or combination lock. Others are guns specially designed with a magnetic or electronic lock that only the owner can fire while wearing a special ring or bracelet.

Features: Lock is a part of the gun design or is an after-market add-on. May contain magnetic or electronic components.

These locks are somewhat new and usually costly.

For more information, talk with a federally-licensed firearms dealer or a gun manufacturer.



Four reasons why you should lock your firearms.

Prevent children from being injured or killed.

Each year about 12 Washington children are hospitalized and 2 children die from unintentional shootings.

Prevent crimes from being committed with your gun.

Thousands of handguns are stolen each year in the U.S. Many are used to commit other crimes.

Prevent depressed teens from committing suicide.

A recent study of adolescent suicides found that over half were carried out with a gun from the adolescent's home.

Keep schools gun-free.

An estimated 7,000 students reported carrying a handgun to Washington schools in 2002.

Also in 2002, 17% of eighth graders surveyed said it was easy to get a handgun.

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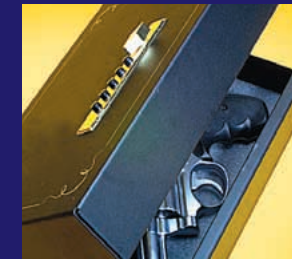
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www.lokitup.org

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Firearm Locking Devices



Which one is right for you?





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There are dozens of devices to lock your firearm.

Many experts recommend using lock boxes, safes, or gun vaults with a push button, combination, or digital keypad lock.

No matter which security device you choose, ensure that it meets the California Department of Justice safety standards.

Check <http://ag.ca.gov/firearms/devices.htm> for a list of approved firearm safety devices.

Lock Box

What it is: A small safe designed to store a handgun.

How it works: Your handgun is locked inside the box. A push-button, combination, digital keypad, or key opens the lock.

Features: Most models have holes in the bottom to allow permanent mounting. Some have lighted locks for access in the dark. Most have padded interiors.

Price: \$40 to \$200+

Advantages:

- Quick access if the lock is push-button or digital
- Difficult to steal if permanently mounted
- May allow storage for more than one handgun
- Keeps gun out of sight

Disadvantages:

- Costs more than trigger locks or chamber locks

Gun Vault or Safe

What it is: A safe in a variety of sizes designed to store long guns, handguns, and other valuables.

How it works: Your firearms are locked inside the vault. A push-button, combination or digital keypad opens the lock.

Features: Varies by type and model

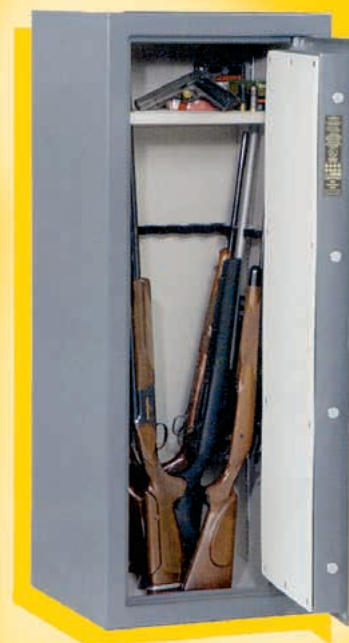
Price: \$100 to \$2,000

Advantages:

- Difficult to steal
- Allows storage of numerous long guns and handguns
- Allows storage of other personal items
- Usually fire resistant
- Keeps valuables out of sight

Disadvantages:

- Costs more than chamber locks or a lock boxes
- Heavy and difficult to move



Cable Lock

What it is: A device that blocks the chamber to prevent a cartridge from being fired.

How it works: Cable locks are inserted in or through the magazine well or chamber, or are inserted through the gun barrel and chamber to block a cartridge from moving into position. A combination or key opens the lock.

Features: Metal cylinders, vinyl covered wire cables, or other designs. Locks may be “universal” or may only fit certain revolver or pistol models. Some models have anti-tamper alarms.

Price: Free to \$20+

Advantages:

- Long cables may be threaded through several guns
- Inexpensive

Disadvantages:

- Thin cables could be cut

Remember –
Store all firearms locked and unloaded, with ammunition locked separately.

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Get more information about locking devices and discounts coupons.

Handgun locking and storage devices can be purchased wherever guns or firearm accessories are sold:

- gun stores
- sporting goods stores
- firing ranges
- locksmiths
- some discount stores

